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PRELIMINARY AMENDED CLAIMS

Sir:

The applicant has learned that the original amendments in 10/083,332 have many mistakes. The Examiner has not yet examined it. To save the Examiner's time and frustration, this report contains preliminary amended claims. The applicant asks the Examiner to correct any informalities.

Preliminary Amendments to the Claims

A marked up version of the claims from the original filing begins on page 2.

A clean version of the new claims using the original numbers begins on page 4.

A clean version of the new claims renumbered starts on page 6.

The examiner is asked to use his discretion as to the most appropriate version.

BY Donald J Hackman DATE October 10, 2003,
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